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This acknowledges receipt of your letter of 18 April requesting access to any CIA records dealing with [Redacted]. Since the request is from someone other than the subject, we have no recourse but to process it as a Freedom of Information request.

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I shall arrange for a search of CIA files and shall be in further communication with you once the search has been completed and any records found reviewed for relevance and releasability under the Act.

As you may know, the heavy volume of Freedom of Information requests received by the Agency has resulted in processing backlogs. If we do not respond within the 10 working days stipulated by the Act, it is your right to construe this as a denial, subject to appeal to the CIA Information Review Committee. It would seem more reasonable, however, for us to continue processing your request and to respond as soon as feasible. Any denials of records could be appealed at that time. Unless we hear from you otherwise, we will assume that this is agreeable to you and proceed on this basis.

Under neither the Privacy Act nor the Freedom of Information Act do we have the authority to release classified documents from another agency. However, if we should find any such documents in our files while processing your request, they will be identified in our reply to you, and forwarded to the originating agency for action.

Sincerely,



Gene F. Wilson
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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